

Bewdley.

8th October, 1946.

To the Town Council of Bewdley

Gentlemen:

My report for the year 1945 is, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, limited to necessary statistics and matters which have affected the public health during the year.

Vital
Statistics.

The population of the Borough is estimated by the Registrar General as 4.376

There were 35 deaths registered in the Borough during the year. There were 19 inward and 1 outward transferred deaths, giving the number of deaths belonging to the District as 53, and a death rate of 10.94 per 1,000 of the population.

Of the deaths registered there were:-

Under 1 year of age	3
Between 1 year and 5 years	None
Between 5 years and 15 years	None
Between 15 years and 25 years	1
Between 25 years and 65 years	16
Over 65	33
	53

There were 65 births registered in the Borough, and 28 inward transfers, giving a birth rate of 21.2 per 1,000 of the population.

There were 3 deaths of children under 1 year of age, giving an Infantile Mortality rate of 32 per 1,000 children born.

Infectious
Diseases.

There were a considerable number of cases of Measles during the first half of the year, 37 cases having been notified.

There were also notified:-

- 8 cases of Whooping Cough with one death.
- 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, two of which were removed to Hospital.
- 5 cases of Erysipelas.
- 9 cases of Pneumonia.
- 2 cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.
- 1 case of Meningitis, which died.

There was a rather disturbing outbreak of Diarrhoea in the early part of the year. All possible sources of infection were thoroughly investigated, but no cause could be found. The outbreak died out in a short time.

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Infectious
Diseases.
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One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and one of other Tuberculosis were notified. There was one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

67 children under 5 years of age, and 2 between 5 and 15 were immunised against Diphtheria during the year.

I estimate that 66.08 per cent of children under 5 years, and 87.6 per cent between 5 and 15, have been immunised.

There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year.

Water.

The water supply of the District is very satisfactory in both quality and quantity. It is frequently examined and found to be pure.

A large majority of the houses in the District have their own water supply, but in a few cases a stand pipe supplies two or more houses.

Sewers.

The majority of the houses have now been connected to the sewers, where it is possible to do so.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

U.W.N. MILES.

Medical Officer of Health.